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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

From 171200A Mar 45
To 181200A Mar 45
Hq. Twelfth Army Group
APO 655
182300A March 1945

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS GOVT. SOURCE

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (171200A). 5th French Armored Division. (Less CCG). No change.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th Division. No change. 13th Armored Division. Continued movement to its assembly area in the vicinity of LUNEVILLE V0899.

VI Corps. 3d Algerian Division. (With CCG 5th Fr Armd Div atchd). Gained up to five miles on a six-mile front against light resistance. Captured DRUSENHEIM R1518, SCHIRRHOFEN R1322 and SOUFFLENHEIM R1625. Advanced three miles into the FORET DE HAGUENAU in the vicinity of R1326. Front line change: DRUSSENHEIM R1518 - SOUFFLENHEIM R1625 - R1227 - R1125 - R0926, 36th Division. Captured MERTZWILLER Q9629 and advanced three miles on a two-mile front to ESCHBACH Q9930, MORSBRONN R0033 and GUNSTETT R0235. Front line change: R0331 - GUNSTETT R0235 - MORSBRONN R0033 - R0132 - ESCHBACH Q9930 - MERTZWILLER Q9629. 103d Division. Gained four miles on a three and one-half mile front. Cleared the enemy from the high ground and wooded area in the vicinity of Q9136, crossed the RAU DE FALKENSTEIN Q8245 and captured GUNDERSHOFFEN Q9434 and REICHSHOFFEN Q9537. Reached the western edge of NIEDERBRONN LES BAINS Q9338. Front line change: GUNDERSHOFFEN Q9434 - REICHSHOFFEN Q9537 - NIEDERBRONN LES BAINS Q9338. 42d Division. Advanced three miles on a six-mile front in the FORET DOMANIALE DE BANNSTEIN Q8643. Captured BAERENTHAL Q8442 and MOUTERHOUSE Q7942, but continued fighting in ZIMMILLER Q8935. Cut the road at Q8444 and seized the high ground in the vicinity of Q8445. Front line change: Q8941 - Q8942 - Q8742 - high ground Q8445 - MOUTERHOUSE Q7942.

XV Corps. 71st Division. 14th Infantry commenced relief of elements of the 100th Division in the vicinity of BITCHE Q7850. 100th Division. Gained two miles on a two-mile front. Captured CAMP DE BITCHE Q8150 and the high ground Q8047. Front line change: High ground Q8047 - CAMP DE BITCHE Q8150. 3d Division. Advanced five and one-half miles on a six-mile front. Captured DIETRICHINGEN Q7665, HORNBACH Q7365 and the high ground Q7264. Moderate resistance was encountered at first but became increasingly heavy as the prepared defenses of the SIEGFRIED Line were approached. Front line change: Q7864 - Q7767 - Q7665 - HORNBACH Q7365 - high ground Q7264 - Q6965 - Q6964. 45th Division. Advanced up to six miles on a five-mile front. Captured BREITFURT Q6466. Heavy opposition was encountered toward the close of the period. Front line change: Q6764 - Q6664 - Q6464 - Q6568 - Q6669 - Q6369. 44th Division. Relieved from attachment to XV Corps and placed in army reserve.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Gained one mile on a two-mile front against stubborn resistance. Forward elements reached the SIEGFRIED Line in the vicinity of Q5771. Front line change: Q6070 - Q5771 - Q5570. 12th Armored Division. Commenced movement to the Twelfth Army Group area.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (172400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. No change.

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SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 115th Separate Brigade. Concentrated in the vicinity of VENRAY E7726.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. No change.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (17 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,275 bombers against sixteen targets in western Germany. Oil refineries at BOHLEN K2499, RUHLAND A2535 and MUNSTER A9275; a tank plant at PLAUEM K1120 and a chemical plant at BIELEFELD B5381 were bombed. Seventeen aircraft were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 792 bombers against marshalling yards in KAISERSLAUTERN R0295, NEUSTADT R3083, ALTEKIRCHEN F9332, SIEGEN G2053, DILLENBURG G3838, FRANKENBERG G7574 and BAD HOMBURG M6380; a communications center at EITORF F8041 and an ordnance depot at GIENSEN G6720. 599 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Claims included 2 enemy aircraft, 366 motor transport and 396 railroad cars. One aircraft was lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Broken. Visibility: Less than 1,000 yards in fog at dawn, otherwise 1 to 2 miles, becoming 2 to 4 miles by 1000A and 3 to 5 miles by 1200A. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 56° F. Minimum 34° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 65th Division. Advanced one mile into the SIEGERIED Line defenses on an eight-mile front. Front line change: Q2982 - Q2784 - Q2589 - Q2193. 26th Division. Captured MERZIG Q2094 and advanced four miles southeast on a three-mile front. Front line change: MERZIG Q2094 - Q2594 - Q2696 - Q2897 - Q3295 - Q3692 - Q4093 - Q3995. 80th Division. Advanced four miles southeast on a two-mile front. Front line change: Q3897 - Q4198. 10th Armored Division. (With 301st Inf atchd). Advanced twelve miles east on a six-mile front. Front line change: Q4198 - L4400 - L5801 - L5907 - L5607 and BIRKENFELD L5916. 94th Division. (Less 301st Inf). Advanced four miles east on a two-mile front. Front line change: L5314. 12th Armored Division. Attached to XX Corps and closed in corps zone 171700A. Passed through 94th Division and reached BIRKENFELD L5916. 16th Cavalry Group. Advanced four miles east and captured PROSTRATH L4126. Front line change: L1024 - L4126 - L3633.

XII Corps. 89th Division. Advanced four miles south through ZELLER STADTWALD L6256. Front line change: L5650 - L6051 - L6550. 11th Armored Division. Attacked south through adjacent elements of the 89th and 5th Divisions. Met moderate resistance and many road-blocks. Advanced twelve miles on a seven-mile front. Front line change: L6647 - SULzbACH L7137 - L8042 - L8345. 5th Division. Advanced nine miles south on a three-mile front. Front line change: MENGSHEID L8345 - L8649. 4th Armored Division. (With 359th Inf atchd). Entered SOEBRNHEIM L9332 and advanced south three miles across MAHE River on a five-mile front west of BAD MUNSTER M0835. Mopped up in BAD MUNSTER and crossed river at BIEBELSCHEIM M1441. 10th Infantry reverted to command of 5th Division. Front line change: L9735 - L9332 - L9934 - M0329 - M0530 - M0729 - M1130 and M1441. 90th Division. (Less 359th Inf). Cleared division zone to the RHINE River north of L9967. Relieved by 2d Cavalry Group on line of river from L9967 to L9972. Front line

change: L9972 - L9278. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved elements of 90th Division on RHINE River from L9967 to L9972. Front line change: L9967 - L9972.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Advanced east on north and south of KOBLENZER STADT WALD L8790. Cleared three-fourths of KOBLENZ and reached RHINE River south of woods. Front line change: L8882 - L8983 - L9084 - L9285 - RHENS L9186 - L8887 - L8686 and L8792 - L8992 - L8994 - L8995 - L9096. 28th Division. Commenced closing in assembly area at L6697.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 69th Division. 273d Infantry closed in the vicinity of NEUKIRCHEN F4221.

III Corps. The railroad bridge at REILINGEN F6320 collapsed at 171506A and is not repairable. 99th Division. Continued to expand the bridgehead against light resistance. Advanced one mile south between RHINE and WIEB Rivers and consolidated positions on objectives. Front line change: HONNINGEN F7013 - F7211 - F7612 - SOLSCHEID F7613 - F7614 - F7616. 9th Division. Advanced one mile east on a four-mile front against strong resistance which included bazookas, self-propelled guns and tanks. Front line change: F7422 - F7522 - F7423 - F7424 - WINDHAGEN F7327. 9th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" reverted to division control in place at 172400A.

VII Corps. 1st Division. Made small gains against stiff enemy resistance which included anti-tank, mortar and artillery fire. Captured HUSCHEID F6832 and BRUNGSBERG F6930. Front line change: F7228 - F7128 - F7031 and F6832 - F6732. 78th Division. Advanced one mile north on a four-mile front against stiffening resistance. Front line change: F6632 - F6432 - F6333 - F6033. 3d Armored Division. 13th Infantry reverted to command of the 8th Division.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 172400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	61,377	262,608	35,819	8,073	371,777
Non-battle					272,831
Total Casualties					644,658

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group	
3d Division	GUIISING Q6552
36th Division	PFAFFENNOFFEN Q9127
Twelfth Army Group	
26th Division	Q2394
28th Division	NIEDERMENIG L6797
80th Division	L2801
94th Division	HERMESKEIL L4317
10th Armored Division	MITLOSHEIM L3004

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